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APPLICANT : FRANCOIS BERTELLI, ET AL EXAMINER : Not assigned yet
SERIAL NO. : 10/088,257 ART UNIT : Not assigned yet
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FOR : METHOD FOR THE SCREENING OF $\alpha_2\delta$ -1 SUBUNIT BINDING
LIGANDS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

The item listed as co-pending US Patent application, USSN 10/090,827, was filed on March 6, 2002, and is currently pending before the USPTO in Art Unit 1637, before

Examiner C. Wilder. The present application, USSN 10/088,257, was filed under 35 U.S.C. §

10/090,827

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371, and claims the benefit of USSN 10/090,827. The item listed as USPTO Office Action, Paper No. 7, was mailed on February 26, 2003, in USSN 10/090,827.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), any other necessary filing fees and any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-0455.

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